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THE  
INDEPENDENT  
Published Every Thursday.  
COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.  
E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1901.

To all the readers of the INDEPENDENT, a Merry Christmas!

The genius of some editors seems to be unlimited. There's Editor Thomas of the Bristol Gazette: If the biggest dictionary within reach fails him he simply coins a new word and goes right on with an enlarged vocabulary—and a smooth and easy gait—to further achievement.

POSTMASTER GENERAL Charles Emory Smith resigned his position Monday and President Roosevelt has appointed Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, as his successor in the Cabinet. Mr. Smith's resignation was due to a desire on his part to return to the editorial chair of the Philadelphia Press.

If the Republicans of Pennsylvania do not desire Mr. Elkin to be their candidate for Governor, it should certainly be within the power of the Republicans of Pennsylvania to deprive him of the nomination. If it is not within their power to do this, then are they not capable of self-government. A lot of them are not in favor of majority rule now.

A DISPATCH from New York, about as follows, went over the wires last week: General plans and many notable details of the Pennsylvania Railroad's gigantic \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 scheme to tunnel the North and East rivers and establish a great station in the heart of Manhattan, are announced. The central feature of these plans is an immense station, which will cover the entire four blocks from Seventh to Ninth avenue and from Thirty-first to Thirty-third street.

CONGRESSMAN WANGER has introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$125,000 for a public building at Norristown. Should the measure pass, something may take the shine off the new court house—after it swells the pride of the Hubites and legal lights. With two imposing public buildings in Norristown the citizens of the county seat would gaze still more askance at hayseers from the backwoods. The future greatness of the Hub seems to be assured, in part at least.

FREE TRADE with Cuba, eh? Not much. Not under the present administration at Washington! The weak, sickly, protected interests—interests specially protected by the strong governmental arm—would die were the protection withdrawn, and the extinction of their protected lives would be murder on the part of the government; and even those fault finding persons who pay big prices for poor cigars would hardly sanction such wanton cruelty. No, the poor things, however insolent, must be protected.

THE red-tape Court of Inquiry at Washington has concluded its labors, and Schley is in a large measure condemned by the majority of the court and sustained by the minority, Admiral Dewey, who contends that Schley alone is entitled to the credit "for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships." But Schley lost sight of Navy Department red-tape considerations and must suffer the penalty! If he has the American people with him, perhaps he can get along without the Navy Department.

CHRISTMASIDE should bring with it, in addition to merry making and the usual social amenities, a reiteration of the paramount importance of the higher human virtues, the application of which make for the betterment of mankind. In his constant struggle for supremacy, for the securing of the substantial of physical existence, man is prone to lose sight of moral discriminations and a just regard for the rights and well-being of those about him. In the race for wealth, for social and political distinction "the end justifies the means" and regular attendance at a tabernacle is accepted as a sufficient means of outward grace and sanctimony. It would seem that Christmaside should afford a halting, introspective period, when the combined moral forces of the individual should encourage special attention to such acts as carry with them questionable influences in comparison with higher and nobler impulses and achievements. It is a matter of but little moment whether the Christ of more than eighteen centuries ago would be recognized should He return to earth and attend the meeting of an ultra-fashionable congregation! A more important consideration is: Are the virtues that Christ taught and exemplified—virtues, in effect, that are as old as the human race—living, guiding potentialities in our lives. If they are not: Our lives are not what they should be, no matter what we profess to believe, or, not to believe. If they are not: The influence we exert is baneful rather than helpful, destructive rather than constructive, and we are not within that sphere where the moral atmosphere is uplifting. Christ taught justice, truthfulness, common honesty, love, mercy, charity; not lying, deceit, fraud, hypocrisy, sham, pretense, for personal gain or for whatever purpose. Are we trying hard to LIVE a life that embodies Christ's precepts, and making progress, or are we not? That's the important question of Christmaside! And how are we to answer it?

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12, 1901. There has been no important legislation enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Congress so far although it is expected that the bill, providing for the application of the tariff duties of the Dingley bill and the Taft Commission's bill, which has been determined upon by the Ways and Means Committee, will be passed by the House and it is hoped by the Senate before the holiday adjournment. The Hays-Pauncefote treaty has been favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and is now before that body which will ratify it as soon as some of the Senators, who are not altogether in favor of some of its provisions, have had an opportunity to express their disapproval. Speaker Henderson has appointed

all the important standing committees of the House and adjournment has been set for December 19th. Congress will convene again on Monday January 6th. During the interval considerable important work will be done by individual members so that the work of their committees may be facilitated on the reassembling of Congress.

The munificent gift to the nation, by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of \$10,000,000 to promote the establishment of a national university in the city of Washington will prove a source of gratification to every citizen of the United States. Although the amount seems an enormous one it may not prove sufficient for the purpose of establishing an elaborate and expensive institution as Mr. Carnegie has in mind and it is quite possible that Congress will be asked to add an equal sum. The institution which Mr. Car-

gie desires to see in the national capital will not interfere with the numerous educational establishments already in the city as the plans so far as they have been formulated, are for a university which will be devoted exclusively to the higher education, it being Mr. Carnegie's desire to see this country so well equipped educationally as to render unnecessary the present custom of sending the graduates of American universities abroad for their post-graduate courses. The location of such an institution in Washington is particularly felicitous as, apart from the fact that it is the capital, it is fast becoming the center of learning in the United States owing to the fact that there are so many advantages for scientific bureaus of the government afford exceptional facilities for pursuing certain lines of study.

At first glance \$10,000,000 seems a very large sum of money and it has been said that that is the total endowment of Harvard University, but even though that is the case, Harvard owns buildings and land worth at this time at least \$20,000,000 and, moreover, her average of four thousand students brings her an income of not less than \$150 each per year, while it is Mr. Carnegie's desire that this university shall be free to all who can matriculate.

There are many people who will be pleased with the bill which Senator Lodge has introduced into the Senate and which provides for the erection of an office building for the exclusive use of the President and his staff. The White House has been totally inadequate for the requirements of the President as office and residence and it has been thought necessary, either to abandon its use as a residence and erect a home for the President elsewhere, or to add wings to the present building. The last proposition has been favored by Mr. McKinley and plans for the wings had been prepared but Mr. Roosevelt, shortly after he became president, objected to them and the matter was dropped.

It now transpires that the President's objection to the erection of the proposed wings was because of his unwillingness to materially alter a building so closely related to many of the important events in American history. The present plan will afford ample accommodation to the President and his family because it will restore to him the entire White House as a residence (at the present time he has the use of but one fourth) and ample office accommodation will be provided on the Mall immediately back of the Treasury and but a stone's throw from the White House.

Everyone will be thankful to learn that the threatened break between the two associations which propose to erect monuments to the late President has been averted and that all difficulties have been satisfactorily adjusted. The McKinley Memorial Arch Association has yielded to the Memorial Monument Association and the former will make no attempt to raise funds by subscription for the erection of a monument in the city of Washington but will appeal to Congress for an appropriation for that purpose.

The McKinley National Memorial Association will continue on the plans originally determined upon and will solicit subscriptions all over the United States for the purpose of erecting a monument at Canton where the remains of the President are buried. It is believed that this course will meet with the approval of the people who might have found it burdensome had they been called upon to contribute to two monument funds.

Another important step toward making the United States a world power is shortly to be taken. I refer to the establishment in the far East of a great American banking institution. For a number of years the necessity of such an institution has been felt and the purchase of the Philippine islands made it almost imperative but, pending Congressional legislation, no one has dared to establish a banking institution in the Philippine of the required magnitude.

When the general protocol of Pekin was signed providing for the payment of indemnities to the United States of \$25,000,000 with interest, in installments which would extend over a period of nearly forty years, it became necessary for the President to designate some institution in the East to receive the payments. At first it was thought necessary to select some English banking company, but the Guarantee Trust Company of New York represented to the administration that if they were favored with the commission of receiving the funds for the United States they would establish the necessary bank and after satisfying himself of the desirability of such a course the President decided to commission that institution to collect the American share of the indemnity. Representatives of the company are now in the Orient looking for a suitable location.

MOST POWERFUL RULER.

The Czar, who celebrated his 31st birthday recently, is probably the most powerful man of his age that the world has known in our time. To be ruler of 130,000,000 of the human race at 26 is an experience which has come to only one living man—which has come, perhaps, to only one man since the world began. At that age Nicholas II. became Emperor of Russia. Of the 1,500,000,000 people on the face of the earth one in twelve bowed down to this young man, at whose bid-

ding 2,500,000 men would rise in arms. Those who know the Czar assert that he is the most lovable of men, sensitive to a high degree, living a quiet family life, with a passionate love of home and children.

He longs to be known, say his friends, as "Nicholas the Educator." He is an insoluble paradox, whose act one day seems quite inconsistent with his act another day. But the truth is said to be that the young emperor is overwhelmed with the appalling responsibility that rests upon him, and that half the acts committed in his name are not his acts at all. At the beginning of his reign Nicholas put himself on the side of common sense in the army by setting the officers an example which they are not likely to forget. A young lieutenant had offended his colleagues by riding in a tram down to the barracks. "Gentlemen," said the Emperor, "I hear that to ride in a tram is considered beneath the dignity of an officer in your regiment. I am your colonel, and I have just been riding in a tram."

BOUNTY FOR TRIPLETS.

"I had once," writes a correspondent of the London News, "the curiosity to write to Windsor Castle and ask the origin of the Queen's charitable practice of giving a 'bounty' to women who had given birth to triplets. I had a very courteous reply from the Queen's private secretary, explaining that the first gift to a woman who had three children at a birth was prompted solely by Her Majesty's sympathetic feeling toward her. The case had happened to come to the knowledge of the Queen, and she sent a sovereign for each of the newly-arrived little Britons as an assistance to the mother in her embarrassment of family treasures. This had happened about forty years before this correspondence, and quite early in the reign, and had cost the Queen's private purse about £500 a year ever since. Of course it is not in all cases of the kind that this 'bounty' is sent to the mother. It is only in those who are poor and apply for it, but as the majority of people are poor, and somehow these little surprises seem generally to overtake people who cannot afford them, the Queen's bounty for triplets had come to be regarded almost as a matter of course."

GO IT WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG, ETC.

BY NICK OF OAKS.

When the snow upon the mountains, when King Frost proclaims, The hills, meadows, valleys and plains, his domain, and we are subjects to his reign; When the ponds, lakes and rivers, lock'd in icy fetters, their surface smooth as glass; When out of the North, Old Boreas, comes laden with cold and chilling blasts, Singing and whistling thro' the pines, the cedars, a sad, mournful chant, Then get your skates and go it, while you're young, when you're old you can't. When the hills and meadows are cover'd o'er with a mantle of "beautiful snow," And hid'd'n the spots where the forget-me-nots and violets blow, Then with sled and jumper to the hillside go; Its fun, to walk up hill to ride down on a sled, we'd have you know; You have your choice, on sled or take a bumper on a jumper, any way you want. But go it, go it, while you're young, when you're old you can't. Winter's not so bleak and cheerless, 'tis mellow'd with love, and love like the north wind laden with frost, Penetrates fair lady's veil, kisses her cheeks, heedless of the cost; Presumptuous fellow, darts assail her rosy lips, now a much larger and more varied line of useful toys and presents. Then better arrangements for easy shopping, every article marked in plain figures and each priced article at its own distinct and separate rate. First floor rear of office.

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THE NAMES OF DOGS

FROM WHENCE THE VARIOUS BREEDS DERIVE THEIR TITLES.

A Difference of Opinion as to the Termination of the "Skye" breed of terriers, the "Popular Name of Spitz is Founded on an Error.

Few people would imagine that the popular black and tan, every terrier in fact, owes its name to its habit of following game into burrows in the earth, which has been its Latin equivalent. The word in the course of time gradually became metamorphosed into terrier.

The Island of Skye is responsible for the designation of the "Skye" breed of terriers, inasmuch as at one time it was almost exclusively raised there. It is not difficult to trace the origin of "Dandy Dinmont" as a title for a certain celebrated breed of terriers, the original of the type having been depicted by Sir Walter Scott as the favorite of a character bearing that name in his "Guy Mannering."

The fox terrier was so called owing to its having been at one time an appendage to every pack of foxhounds. In many cases it is still considered a necessary adjunct. The little fellows are always up within a minute or two of running to ground and assist in no small way in the capture of the fox.

The derivation of the term "bloodhound" is fairly obvious. In ancient and indeed in comparatively recent times these dogs were employed in the chase of the noblest of game, the scenting blood both of men and animals. Once put upon the trail they will hunt the quarry to the death, seldom if ever deviating from their course.

Not long ago there was a great trial of man hunting by bloodhounds in the criminal catching interest, but the idea is repellant and, it may safely be said, will never become popular.

When in olden times stag hunting prevailed as a favorite amusement of the nobility and gentry, the dogs used in the sport—part greyhounds, part bloodhounds—were given the name of staghounds. In like manner foxhounds were trained to hunt the "beast of the brush" gained their distinctive appellation from that fact.

There is a learned dispute as to the true origin of the term greyhound, some authorities insisting that the prefix "grey" is derived from "græce," meaning "Greek," while others claim that it signifies "great," still others saying that it has reference to the color of the animal. In no other breed of hounds does the blue or gray color predominate; consequently the last mentioned derivation appears to be the most plausible.

Dalmatian or carriage dogs, popularly known as "plum pudding" dogs, were, it is said, first bred in Dalmatia, but it is as carriage or coach dogs that they are best known. This arises from the fact that they are as a rule kept in stables and nearly always seen running after carriages.

Spitz or Pomeranian dogs, a variety of the Eskimo, were first bred in Prussia and Pomerania. The popular name of Spitz is an error founded on the unwarranted notion that their original breeding place was Spitzbergen.

Spaniels, the breed of which are legion, evidently first came from Spain; hence their distinctive name. A small variety of this animal was ardently admired by our Charles II., from which circumstance arose the designation of his pets, known to the world over as the King Charles.

Greatly resembling the latter in form and general appearance are the Blenheim or Marlborough spaniels. These get their English name from Blenheim palace, Oxfordshire, the seat of the Marlboroughs, where since the "great duke's" time the breed has been religiously preserved.

The term applied to a very large and powerful species of the canine family is open to much controversy, the word "mastiff" originally denoting a considerable conflict of opinion with regard to the origin of the word.

The Italian "mastino" and the French "mastin" have both claims as good derivatives, both signifying "large limbed." These words, or either of them, were, it is contended, gradually corrupted into "mastin," a Lincolnshire expression meaning very large, muscular or big, until it came in course of time to mean a dog of great size and power.

There is yet another derivative in the German "massen," to fatten, because the mastiff is a large dog and therefore needs more and better feeding than any other.

Poodle, though of French association, is really derived from the German "puddel," a puddle or pool. Originally German, this dog got its name probably because of its being closely allied in species to what is known as the water dog. More amenable to training than any other, it is without doubt the most intelligent of the whole canine race.

Collie is from the Gaelic word "cù-léan" or puppy. It is also, and more frequently in Scotland, called the water dog, gaining its name from the fact of its being set to watch sheep—London Tit-Bits.

L H. CURE FOR RED TAPE.

A Chicago Man Collects a Bill at an Office Where They Had System.

Stories of the red tape in the government departments at Washington are common, but they are not the only places where delays in the transaction of business are found. There are concerns in very large city as hemmed in by red tape that it may take a week or so to untangle it, and a Chicago man ran into one of them not long ago.

The concern owed him a little money, and after waiting awhile for a check he went to collect it. He didn't go far, however, for he was stopped by a boy at the outer door of the first of the many offices.

"What do you want?" asked the boy. "Money," said the man. "What for?" demanded the boy. The man explained, and thereupon the boy told him that all such accounts were paid Saturdays at the cashier's office. So the man came back Saturday.

"Don't know anything about it," said the cashier. "You'd have to get an order from some one."

Then the man started out after the order and promptly ran up against the boy again.

"Write out your name and the nature of your business," said the boy, "and I'll take it to Mr. Smith."

The man did as he was told, and

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"Mr. Smith has no time to see you," answered the boy, "but maybe Mr. Jones knows something about it."

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"Can't I see anybody in this office?" demanded the man in desperation.

"It's only a small matter, and if I could get hold of some one in authority I could straighten it out in less than two minutes."

"Nix," answered the boy. "Can't see anybody here unless he knows about your business first."

The man next tried writing a letter, but it remained unanswered, so he went back in person. By this time he had become interested as well as indignant. He wanted to see how much time and labor it would take to get the money.

On the second trip luck favored him. Workmen were changing some office partitions, and he managed to slip through when no one was looking and get hold of a man at one of the desks.

"How about it?" he asked when he had stated his business.

"Everything here," replied the man at the desk, "is done according to a system. Now, if anything is due you you should make out a bill in regular form and—"

"Make out a bill?" cried the amateur collector. "Hang it all! I can't get a chance to present a bill to any one."

However, that seemed to be the only thing left for him to do, so he departed to make out a bill, and while he was doing it he kept getting warmer and warmer until he reached a point where he made the bill "for services rendered, \$157." Then he returned to the office and gave it to the first boy he met.

"I'll bet that will wake them up," he said to himself.

It did. The boy was back inside of two minutes with the message that "Mr. Smith says it is exorbitant. He called up the right department through the office phone and was told the amount due was only \$7."

"Of course," said the man with the bill, "but I wanted to get action on it some way. You tell Mr. Smith that there is a discount of \$10 for cash."

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